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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT RECEIVES NEW GOLKAR LEADERSHIP

1. PRESIDENT SUHARTO RECEIVED SEVENTEEN MEMBERS
OF NEW GOLKAR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

(DPP) AT PALACE ON

SEPT 28. ACCORDING COMMENTS TO PRESS BY DEPUTY
SECRETARY GENERAL SAPARDJO, PRESIDENT URGED GOLKAR
TO PREPARE WORKING PROGRAM STRESSING AGRICULTURE,
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND VILLAGE MODERANIZATION.
PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED NEED FOR CLOSE COMMUNICATION
BETWEEN GOLKAR AND GOVERNMENT SINCE BOTH ARE
EXECUTING BQMAIN GUIDELINES OF STAHY POLICYZ AS
SET FORTH BY PEOPLE'S CONSULATIVE ASSEMBLY (MPR).
ACCORDING DAILY KOMPAS SAPARDJO COMMENLBD
THAT IN CARRYING OUT ITS PROGRAM, THERE WAS "NO NED
(FT
GOLKAR) TO USE THE GOLKAR FLAG".

2. GOLKAR LEADERS FORMALLY PRESENTED RESIDENT
WITH DECISIONS MADE BY SURABAYA CONFERENCE, AND INFORMED
HIM THAT REGIONAL MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD TO
WORK OUT LOCAL-LEVEL PROGRAMS IN FEBRUARY.

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SAPARDJO ANNOUNCED THAT CHANGES IN TOP-LAIEL

"FOUNDERS COUNCIL" 13(DEWAN PEMBINA) NOT YET ANNOUNCED,
AND UNTIL THEY ARE OLD FOUNDERS COUNCIL WILL
CONTINUE TO FUNCTION. (FINAL DECISIONS ON THIS
POINT HAVE PROBABLY ALREADY BEEN MADE BY ITS
"FIRST FOUNDER" I.E., PRESIDENT SUHARTO.)

3. COMMENT: IMPRESSION WHICH WAS OBVIOUSLY
SUPPOSED TO BE CONVEYED BY THIS RITUJP IS ONE
OF A DISCIPLINED GOLKAR WHICH IS LITTLE MORE
THAN THE GOVERNMENT BY ANOTHER NAME. RUMORS
CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE ABOUT THE POSSIBLE DECLINE
IN POWER OF THE CIVILIAN GROUP CENTERED AROUND
ALI MURTOPO'S OPSUS STAFF. WHILE THERE IS NO
DOUBT THAT THE "GREAT EXPECTATIONS" OF THESE
PEOPLE FOR A MORE INDEPENDENT AND EXPANSIVE
GOLKAR ARE AT LOW EBB, THEIR POSITION IN ZPE
HEADQUARTERS ORGANIZATION REMAINS STAGNANT. GOLKAR
IS STILL (AS IT LONG HAS BEEN) A BLEND OF OPSUS
(MURTOPO) INTERIOR DEPARTMENT (AMIR MACHMUD) AND
DEFENCE DEPARTMENT (HANKAM) ELEMENTS, WITH THE
LATTER ABLE TO CALL THE TUNE TO THE EXTENT IT
WOULD.
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